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65 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.

An assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD.  is enclosed  will follow.

An associate power of attorney  is enclosed  will follow.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-400514 filed November 28, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.

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Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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B INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	3	-3	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	\$ 0	
C SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							0
D MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145	\$ 0	
E BASIC FEE					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385	\$ 770	
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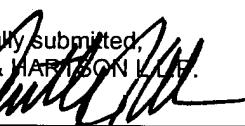
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